

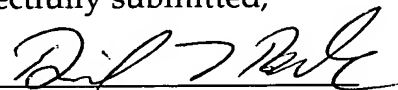
**REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, 9, and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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